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Most Indexes are uneven, and this one is no exception. That is to say, it can award a single entry to some substantial and primary article, while using the same amount of space to refer to, say, a lone post-mark or one line of obscure information. While this is, to some extent, the nature of the beast, it has been partially mitigated by italicising some of the major research or review articles.

At first sight the Index may appear to reveal random preferences for either German or English terms. In actuality, I have tried to give dominance to the term that we would probably use in conversation, regardless of the language from which the word was drawn. So, for example, my preference lay with Anschluss, Bahnpost, Inselpost, Rohrpost, and Zusammendrucke; and with castle, exchange control, Hitler Youth, stamps, and Upper Silesia. For these, the main compilation of references will be found against the term in the preferred language, but it is often possible to reach it through the other language.

Of course, some terms broke about even (e.g., Feldpost and fieldpost, Vorlaufer and forerunner; to say nothing of seapost and Seepost...), and for this group the main listing is usually in German, with entry again available through the English term. There are a lot of terms that only specialists use frequently - for example, Durchlaufstempel, Nachtraglich eingezogen. I have most commonly used the German form, often not even attempting to make entry possible through an English approximation.

Because it is misleading to apply the term forgery to a stamp that bears only a remote or outline similarity to another, I have in such cases preferred the under-used word parody. The term propaganda forgery can then be reserved for serious attempts at deception designed to enter the enemy's postal system, such as the British war-time forgeries of Germania, Hindenburg and Hitler stamps. This also conveniently allows us to refer to the occasional forgery of a propaganda parody. Regrettably, we still have to refer to some forgeries of a forgery.

In the Journal, questions quite often appear that could be answered by reference to some earlier article; if the Index finds such answers for you, or if, as a specialist, you are led to some fragment of useful and unsuspected information, then it is functioning as it should. Equally important is my hope that it may lure the browsers and grazers (such as myself) into ever greener pastures.

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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS USED WITHOUT DEFINITION IN THE LISTINGS

ATM	Automatenmarken
CGHS	Commission de Gouvernement Haute Sil6sie
CTO	Cancelled to Order
DDR	Deutsches Demokratisches Republik
FPO	Field Post Office
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
GPS	German Philatelic Society Inc
NSDAP	National Socialistische Deutsche Arbeiter Partei
0/P	overprint
OSS	Office of Strategic Services
PO	Post Office
POW	Prisoner of War
P/M	postmark
SA	Sturm Abteilung
SCADTA	Sociedad Colombo Alemafta de Transportes Aereos
SMS	Seiner Majestat Schiff
SOE	Strategic Operations Executive
SS	Schutz Staffein
TPO	Travelling Post Office
WHW	Winterhilfswerke
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